DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Mr. K. S Aiyar, B.A., F.S.A.A.

Government Order No. D. 9339-406—E. C. 44-27-1, dated 8th March 1928, appointing a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen to consider the proposals contained in Mr. N. S. Subba Rao's Report on Taxation in Mysore:—

CHAIRMAN.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

MEMBERS.

1. Mr. P. W. O'Brien, Manager, The Bank of Mysore, Ltd., Bangalore.
2. ,, N. S. Subba Rao, M.A., Bar-at-Law, Principal, Maharaja's College, Mysore.
3. ,, S. Venkatesaiya, B.A.,B.L., Advocate, Hassan.
4. ,, B. K. Garudachar, Landholder, Chikpet, Bangalore City.
5. Rao Bahadur N. S. Nanjundiah, President, District Board, Hassan.
6. Mr. N. Rama Rao, B.A.,B.L., Secretary to Government, Development Departments.
7. ,, M. S. Linge Gowda, Agricultural Union, Bangalore.
8. ,, S. P. Rajagopalachari, B.A.,B.L., Income Tax Commissioner in Mysore.
9. ,, B. Abdur Rahmon, B.A., President, District Board, Bangalore.
10. Col. P. A. Barton of Messrs. Barton & Sons., Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
11. Mr. B. Sreenivasa Iyengar, B.A.,B.L., Financial Secretary to Government. (Also Secretary to the Committee.)

ORDER NO. D. 9739-800—E. C. 44-27-3, DATED 15TH MARCH 1928.

Government are pleased to appoint Mr. K. S. Aiyar, B.A., F.S.A.A., Bombay Home, Shankarpur, a member of the Committee referred to above.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Co-operative Department.

Letter No. 2499—C. S., dated 19th November 1927, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, submitting a report on the working of the Co-operative Societies in Mysore, for the year ending 30th June 1927.

ORDER NO. D. 9886-95—C. S. 72-27-2, DATED 16TH MARCH 1928.

Recorded.

2. There was no change in the personnel of the Department, except that Mr. R. Ramachandra Rao Bhombore was appointed Assistant Registrar in place of Mr. P. Suryanarayana Setti, who reverted to the general line. In Government Order No. 1318-68—C. S. 84-26-3, dated the 11th October 1926, the Registrar was appointed Special Officer for the amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes. One Honorary Organiser and four Honorary Supervisors were appointed during the year, bringing the total number to 6 and 31 respectively. Two training classes were held by the Mysore Branch of the Propagandist Institute and 84 persons were given a training in the essentials of co-operation.

3. As a result of the propaganda and consolidation work of the Department, the number of societies increased from 1,603 to 1,748, the number of members from 95,292 to 98,933 and the working capital from Rs. 98·65 lakhs to Rs. 1,12,38,937. While this indicates a welcome progress of the movement during the year, Government would emphasise the need for further developing it and making it an effective instrument for good in the social and economic uplift, especially of the middle and poorer classes of people in the State. It is satisfactory that, out of the grant of Rs. 10,000 given for the development of agricultural co-operation, a sum of about Rs. 8,000 was granted in the shape of loans for the purchase of improved agricultural implements, seeds, manure, etc. This branch of work deserves to be further developed as the extension of Co-operative principles to agriculture in an essentially agricultural country like Mysore is a sure indication that a spirit of co-operation is permeating the life of the masses and is bound to influence every aspect of village life. Mahatma Gandhi's

recent visit to the State gave a stimulus to the formation of khadi societies. Special attention was devoted to the amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes and 110 Societies meant exclusively for their benefit were started. A staff of Assistant Inspectors and a magic lantern operator was also sanctioned in connection with this work.

4. The establishment of the Adikarnataka Coloney Society at Gottagere is an interesting experiment in settling landless members of the Depressed Classes as agriculturists by providing them with land and capital on co-operative lines, and giving them direction and technical assistance in the initial stages. The Society was formed on a plan approved by the Economic Conference and was financed from Economic Development Funds. Fifteen families have taken advantage of the scheme and the results achieved so far have been encouraging. Government are watching the future development of this settlement with interest and expect that it will furnish useful lessons for action in other localities where similar conditions are found to exist.

5. The total transactions of all the societies amounted to Rs. 3,58,10,958 as against Rs. 3,16,85,175 in the previous year, resulting in a net profit of Rs. 4,59,177 as against Rs. 4,41,832 in the previous year. The total Reserve Fund increased from Rs. 15,74,852 to Rs. 17,56,803 and the total deposits from Rs. 34,94,283 to Rs. 42,91,488.

6. Government placed at the disposal of the Apex Bank Rs. 10,000 for the development of Agricultural Co-operative Societies and one lakh of rupees for the grant of loans to House Building Co-operative Societies in the State. Government have also declared their willingness to allow a cash credit of another one lakh of rupees, for the latter purpose. Trust and Muzrai Funds have also been permitted to be deposited in the Bank. As the Premier Central Co-operative Institution, financing primary societies all over the State, the Apex Bank holds a position of great responsibility. In this connection Government would invite the attention of the Registrar and the Apex Bank to the need for keeping in close touch with the affairs of the affiliated primary Societies. The Central Bank continued to do useful work as an Urban Bank. The question of the transfer of Societies' debts from the Central Bank to the Apex Bank received attention during the year, and the functions of the two were defined and demarcated to the satisfaction of both.

7. Agricultural Societies showed improvement both in number and membership The formation of a Central Co-operative Stores for the benefit of the weavers is engaging attention. The number of sericultural societies rose from 12 to 17 but there is still vast scope for the development of Sericultural Co-operation. The Registrar is requested to devote special attention to this item of work in tracts where sericulture is a long-established industry. Additional loans were granted to the House Building Co-operative Societies at Shimoga and Nanjangud. With the idea of making Lalitadripur, a village near Mysore, a model village, a House Building Co-operative Society was started at the place, to which His Highness the Maharaja has graciously given a sum of Rs. 20,000. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned, at a concessional rate of interest, for the grant of loans to the Depressed Classes for house building purposes in addition to a sum of Rs. 20,000 for giving loans to special Co-operative Soceities for the Depressed Classes. A conference of the Depressed Classes was held on the 30th June 1927 at Kolar and was attended by 150 representatives of Adikarnataka Societies.

8. Only 56 grain banks worked during the year. Their progress was not satisfactory, owing to bad seasonal conditions. It is reported that one great impediment in the way of their development is the want of granaries to store the grain collected. The Registrar is requested to investigate the causes for the decline of these banks and to submit suitable proposals for remodelling them so as to make them more useful than they are at present.

9. There was a decrease in the number of suits for adjudication. Out of 2,825 suits, 1,933 were disposed of leaving a balance of 892 at the end of the year. A sum of Rs. 6,421 was realised as stamp revenue during the year as against Rs. 7,384 in the previous year. Permission was also granted in certain cases to file suits in Civil Courts. Out of 6,268 decrees only 2,020 were executed, leaving as many as 4,248 decrees unexecuted at the end of the year. Government regret to observe that progress in this direction is very unsatisfactory though ample facilities now exist for the speedy execution of decrees. They hope that this important branch of work will receive due

attention and that there will be a considerable reduction in the number of arrears of decrees to be executed in the current year.

10. There was some improvement in the audit and inspection of societies during the year under review.

11. The Thirteenth Mysore Provincial Co-operative Conference was held under the presidency of Mr. K. Chandy, B.A., First Member of Council.

12. Government are pleased to note that under the energetic direction of the Registrar, the Department did good work during the year under review.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Game and Fish Preservation Regulation.

Letter No. D2 2664, dated 24th—27th February 1928, from the Inspector-General of Police, submitting a *report on the working of the Game and Fish Preservation Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder during the calendar year 1927.

(*Printed as an annexure.)

ORDER No. P. 5362-71—POL. 149-27-2, DATED 15TH MARCH 1928.

Recorded.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

ANNEXURE.

No. D2.—2664, dated Bangalore the 24th—27th February 1928, from S. Hiriannaiya, Esq., M.A., B.L., Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, to B. Nagappa, Esq., Bar.-at-law, Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to Government, Law Department.

I have the honour to report as follows on the working of the Mysore Game and Fish Preservation Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder during the calendar year 1927.

2. The subjoined statement shows particulars of licenses issued and the amount of license fees realised therefrom during the year in question as compared with those of 1926. There was decrease both in the number of licenses granted and the amount realised, being 244 licenses and Rs. 1,638, respectively, as against 268 licenses and Rs. 1,971. The decrease was in the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Shimoga and Kadur while the increase was in the other Districts except Tumkur which has not issued a single license during this year as well as in the previous year.

3. Of the 244 licenses, 180 were district licenses, 17 district licenses including State Forests, 18 Provincial licenses and 29 agricultural licenses—Out of this, 97 were issued to Europeans and Anglo-Indians and the rest, *viz.*, 147 to Hindus, Mahomedans and Christians.

4. There were no prosecutions under the Regulation during the year under report.

5. Permission to shoot 7 black buck during the year under report was granted in the Kolar District.

6. The reports received from the Districts are herewith forwarded in original for reference.